

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-11 and 14-48 are pending in the application. Claims 14, 16-19, and 24 have been amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer. No claims have been added.

Claims 1-11 and 25-48 have been allowed by the Examiner. Further, the Examiner indicated that claims 14, 15, 18, 20, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 12, 13, 16, 17, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,560,056 to Tai.

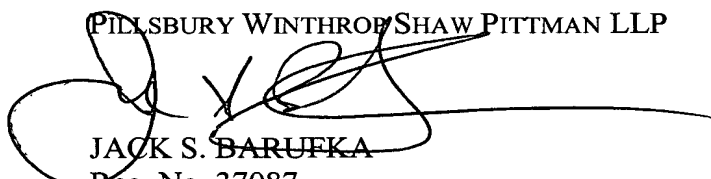
Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, by this Amendment, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form. Further, claims 16-19 and 24 have been amended so that claims 15-24 depend from rewritten claim 14. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, all of the pending claims have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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